PROTECTION

170. Out of 111 appeals for disposal, 93 were disposed of, leaving 18 appeals pending at the end of the year.

Criminal Cases.

(v) Civil Justice.

171. The jurisdiction of the High Court was the same as in the previous year.

172. The number of First Appeals instituted during the year was 356 (including three refiled) as against 357 in the previous year.

173. Including 824 appeals pending from the previous year, there were for disposal 1,180 (927) appeals at the end of the year. The number of appeals disposed of was 46 of the aggregate value of Rs. 3,27,823 as against 103 of the aggregate value of Rs. 12,98,101 in the previous year.

Average

174. The average duration of 46 appeals disposed of during the year was 864·19 (770·26) days.

175. The number of Second Appeals filed during the year was 614 including 10 refiled (688).

Disposals

176. Including 910 appeals pending from the previous year, the total number of Second Appeals for disposal was 1,524 (1,567). The number of appeals disposed of was 504 (657).

177. The average duration of 502 Second Appeals disposed of was 302·45 (556·04) days.

Miscellaneous Appeals.

178. Out of 118 appeals for disposal, 61 (86) were disposed of, leaving a balance of 57 (43) at the close of the year.

Writ Petitions.

179. Out of 245 (148) writ petitions for disposal, 114 (76) were disposed of during the year.

Civil Revision Petitions.

180. The number of Civil Revision Petitions pending at the beginning of the year was 347. Six hundred and twenty-nine (751) petitions were filed during the year. Of these, 529 (704) were disposed of, leaving 447 (347) petitions pending at the end of the year.

Courts Subordinate to the High Court.

181. Excluding the courts of the Bellary District, the number of Courts in the State subordinate to the High Court was 48.

182. The total receipts of the Courts subordinate to the High Court amounted to Rs. 19,74,369 (Rs. 19,66,031) and the expenditure was Rs. 16,61,600 (Rs. 17,02,209).

Institution and disposal of suits.

183. The total number of both original and small Cause Suits instituted during the year was 29,033 (28,725) (excluding 1,211 refiled and remanded suits). On the original side, the institutions were 20,109 (18,762) and on the small cause side 8,924 (9,963). The number of original suits instituted in the District Courts was 174 (301). In the Subordinate Judges' Courts, it was 802 (713) and in the Munsiffs' Courts it was 19,133 (17,748). On the small cause side the number instituted in the District Court at Civil Station, Bangalore, was 285 (515). In the Subordinate Judge's Courts, it was 4,461 (4,921) and in the Munsiffs' Courts it was 4,178 (4,527).

Disposal of suits.

184. The total number of ordinary suits disposed of was 20,473 (19,448). The number of small cause suits disposed of was 9,300 (10,277).

Pendency of suits.

185. The number of suits pending (both original and small cause) at the end of the year was 11,768 (11,297).

186. The average duration of contested suits was 306·73 (306·9) days, and of uncontested suits was 64·67 (65·7) days. The average duration of contested ordinary suits was 331·31 (341·6) days and of small cause suits 198·23 (179·76) days.

187. Out of 8,634 Miscellaneous Cases, 6,019 (6,586) were disposed of, leaving a balance of 2,615 (2,857) cases to be disposed of at the end of the year.

Execution of Decrees.

188. The number of Execution applications filed was 32,841 (32,573). The number disposed of was 32,911 (30,060). The number of cases pending over one year was 774 (764).

189. The total amount realised in the execution of decrees was Rs. 30,19,681 (Rs. 62,01,801).

Insolvency Applications.

190. There were 291 (272) insolvency applications for disposal, of which 166 (142) were disposed of. In 57 cases, Receivers were appointed. The amount realised out of the insolvents' assets was Rs. 18,248 (Rs. 32,893) and the amount disbursed to creditors was Rs. 14,557 (Rs. 30,982).

Appellate Work.

191. The Number of Regular Appeals for disposal during the year was 4,329 (4,487). The number filed during the year was 2,684 (2,772), and the number disposed of was 1,668 (1,928). Eight hundred and three (914) appeals were transferred to other Courts for disposal.

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Miscellaneous Appeals.

192. There were 507 (544) Miscellaneous Appeals, of which 324 (361) were disposed of, leaving 183 at the end of the year. The average duration of Appeals disposed of was 188·67 (191·8) days.

193. The total receipts and expenditure of the Civil Courts (including the High Court) during the year amounted to Rs. 22,24,231 (Rs. 21,74,786) and Rs. 20,06,128 (Rs. 20,89,021) respectively.

194. During the year, the laws in force in Bellary District on the date of merger continued to be in force, subject to the modifications made by the Mysore Adaptation of Laws Order, 1953. The practice and procedure which had been prescribed by the High Court of Madras were continued to be followed by the Courts in Bellary District.

Advocates.

195. The number of advocates enrolled during the year was 231 (151). At the end of the year, the number on the roll was 1,451, of whom 87 were from outside Mysore State.

Pleaders.

196. The total number of pleaders on the last day of the year was 1,183 (1,156). The number of pleaders newly enrolled was 27 and nine pleaders were enrolled as advocates.

(vi) Prisons.

197. The policy of the Department with regard to administration of Jails and Lock-ups was aimed at training the prisoners for a useful life on release. With this object in view, several ameliorative measures providing indoor and outdoor games to prisoners confined in Jails and establishing jail industries with modern machinery to improve the tone of production were undertaken.

198. The benefit of release on parole for 10 days in a year of long term prisoners had fulfilled the object with which the system was introduced. Convicts in the Central Jail, Bangalore, were detailed for extramural work in the construction of the Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore.

199. The health, discipline and conduct of prisoners were on the whole good during the year.